MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 5 years; Estimate was called for from the Chief Engineer.

(*c*) and (*d*) An estimate for Rs. 17,110 was submitted by the Chief Engineer on 21-7-1936 and a provision of Rs. 5,000 made in the draft budget for 1113.

Government Malayalam Readers.

88. ✻ MR. K. T. THOMAS (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the required number of copies of each of the Government Malayalam Readers was ready for sale on 4-10-1112 when the schools reopened after the Midsummer recess; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative, the respective dates on which each reader was first sold and the cause for the delay?

DR. K. L. MOUDGILL (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) No.

(*b*)

Number.	*Date.*
1st Reader on	9-9-1112
2nd ,,	25-9-1112
3rd ,,	6-10-1112
4th ,,	18-10-1112
5th ,,	25-10-1112
6th ,,	25-10-1112

Government consider that there was no avoidable delay in the matter.

MR. K. T. THOMAS: May I know from the honourable member whether it has come to the notice of Government that text books marked with a particular price have been sold for much more than that price?

DR. K. L. MOUDGILL: There have been some complaints, Sir.

MR. K. T. THOMAS: May I know from the honourable member whether he is aware that pupils have been sent out of schools for not possessing books on 4-10-1112?

DR. K. L. MOUDGILL: I have no specific information on that point, Sir.

MR. K. T. THOMAS: May I know from the honourable member whether there have been complaints that books are not available from different quarters?

MR. K. L. MOUDGILL: There have been complaints, Sir.

MR. K. T. THOMAS: May I know from the honourble member what steps have been taken by Government in regard to these complaints?

DR. K. L. MOUDGILL: Government propose to look into the matter carefully and to see that room for these complaints, if any, does not recur.

MR. K. T. THOMAS: May I know from the honourable member why Readers have not been got ready after 4-10-1112?

DR. K. L. MOUDGILL: There was a certain amount of unavoidable delay, Sir.

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MR. K. T. THOMAS: May I know from the honourable member the cause of the delay?

DR. K. L. MOUDGILL: There were various causes, Sir. I may say that this is the first time this kind of work was taken up on such a large scale, and incidental to such an undertaking there was some delay. Government are considering measures to avoid this delay.

MR. K. T. THOMAS: May I know from the honourable member where these Government Readers were printed?

DR. K. L. MOUDGILL: They were printed at the Government Press, Sir.

Ayurveda Hospital in North Travancore.

89. ✻ **MR. JOSEPH VITHAYATHIL** (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is any Government or grant-in-aid Ayurvedic Hospital in North Travancore;

(*b*) how many grant-in-aid or Government Ayurvedic Hospitals there are in the State, and where are they;

(*c*) whether the Sirkar Vaidyan of Alwaye is conducting a hospital at Alwaye;

(*d*) whether he has applied for grant for that hospital;

(*e*) whether the Ayurvedic Inspector has reported about the satisfactory condition of that hospital; and

(*f*) whether the Government have considered the question of awarding a grant to that hospital?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: (*a*) No.

(*b*) There are at present one Government and three aided Ayurveda hospitals in the State. The Government Ayurveda Hospital is at Trivandrum and the aided ones are at Nagercoil Kilimanoor and Quilon.

(*c*) There is no grant-in-aid Vaidyan at Alwaye. One Mr. P. J. Varughese has been awarded State Recognition for conducting a Vaidyasala in the locality.

(*d*) He has applied for a grant for converting his Vaidyasala into a hospital.

(*e*) The Inspector of Ayurveda inspected his Vaidyasala on 10-1-1112 and submitted his inspection notes wherein no mention has been made about the hospital in question.

(*f*) The question of awarding a grant can be considered only when he conducts the institution as a hospital and applies to Government in the prescribed form under clause 13 of the rules.

Nagaroor Vernacular Primary School.

90. ✻ **MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*): With reference to the Nagaroor Vernacular Primary School, Chirayinkil taluk, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have sanctioned the construction of the school building;

(*b*) if so, the estimated cost of construction;

(*c*) whether the construction has been begun; and

(*d*) if not, the reasons therefor?

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